

House Watch

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MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

[HB 4817](#)

(Green)

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to expand the parking violations for which a law enforcement agency or a local unit of government may authorize and use people other than police officers as volunteers to issue citations.

- The House concurred in the Senate amendment [RC 553: 77 yes, 31 no]

FINAL PASSAGE

[HB 6131](#)

(Alma Smith)

House Bill 6131 would amend Sections 115g, 115i, and 115j of the Social Welfare Act to revise eligibility and payments provisions related to adoption support subsidies and adoption medical subsidies.

- Committee substitute H-1 adopted
- HB 6131 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 6131 was passed [RC 550: 107 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

[HB 5741](#)

(Sheltrown)

The bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act concerning eligibility for hunting with modified bows and crossbows in the following ways:

· Modified bows. Currently, a person who only has use of one full arm can obtain a permit to use a modified bow that can be held, aimed, and shot with one arm. The bill would allow the modified bow to be operated with one arm or one foot.

· Crossbow permits for disabled persons. To obtain a permit to hunt with a crossbow under the bill, an applicant would generally need to obtain a certification from a licensed physical therapist (who would have to perform specific tests or measurements) that the applicant has a permanent disability consisting of one or more impairments to a hand, elbow, or shoulder. The impairment or impairments, alone or in combination, would have to total at least 60 percent (current policy is 80 percent). Even if possessing a sufficient degree of disability, a person would need to retain adequate coordination, as tested by the physical therapist, to qualify for the permit. Persons with a physician's diagnosis of specified amputations or spinal cord injuries could qualify for a crossbow permit without specific testing by a physical therapist.

· Crossbow permits for persons aged 69 and older. The bill would also allow anyone who is 69 years old or older to obtain a crossbow permit.

A crossbow is a weapon consisting of a bow mounted transversely on a stock or frame and designed to fire an arrow bolt or quarrel by the release of a bow string controlled by a mechanical or electric trigger with a working safety and a draw weight of 100 pounds or greater. A crossbow is easier to operate than a standard bow. Persons with a permit to use a modified bow or a crossbow would still be required to have a hunting license for the type of game being hunted and to comply with all other hunting rules and regulations.

- Committee substitute H-2 adopted
- Booher substitute H-5 not adopted
- Brown substitute H-4 not adopted
- HB 5741 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 5741 was passed [RC 551: 94 yes, 14 no]
- IE was ordered

SB 572

(Barcia)

The bill would amend Part 401 (Wildlife Conservation) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to do the following:

· Authorize the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) to issue an order regulating the taking of game with a modified bow that may be shot with one arm. The order would be issued under the terms of Section 40113a, which gives the NRC authority to regulate the taking of game. The existing provisions in Section 40114 relating to the issuance of permits for the use of modified bows would not apply once the NRC order went into effect.

· Allow the revocation of the permit of a person who was convicted of violating the terms of a permit or the provisions of Section 40114, and require the disposal of any animal or animal parts in the violator's possession in a manner approved of by the Department of Natural Resources. While currently a permit can be revoked when a permit holder violates Section 40114, the bill would also allow revocation when a person violated the terms of the permit itself. (Note: The section of the act dealing with revocation of permits applies to all types of permits authorized by Section 40114, not just permits to hunt with a modified bow. Other permits authorized under Section 40114 include permits to hunt from a standing vehicle, crossbow permits for permanently disabled persons, permits to take animals for rehabilitation, and several others.)

- SB 572 advanced to 3rd Reading
- SB 572 was passed [RC 552: 107 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

- [HB 5120](#) discharged from committee